



[The Inter-American Teacher Education Network \(ITEN\)](#) is an initiative of the Office of Education and Culture of the Organization of American States. It aims to bring together stakeholders interested in improving teacher preparation, the teaching profession, and teaching itself to promote horizontal cooperation in the field of teacher professionalization.

[Teachers Without Borders \(TWB\)](#) aims to enhance education globally by supporting teacher professional development and local leadership. [TWB](#) activities are conceived and run by educators and local leaders who best understand the needs and context of their colleagues and communities.

Based upon this premise, [TWB](#) provides free resources and tools to help teachers around the world learn, connect, collaborate, and create online; in schools or community centers, in workshops and seminars. We remove barriers to availability, accessibility, acceptability, and adaptability, through high-teach, high-tech, and high-touch programs and platforms.

In July and August, the [ITEN](#) together with [TWB](#) will offer a three-part webinar series, titled: **“Creating a Culture of Respect in the Classroom”**. The webinars will address basic conflict resolution skills and bullying prevention strategies.

All live webinars will be free of charge, recorded and posted on the [ITEN](#) and [TWB](#) websites for download. The participants who attend all three live webinars and complete a series of short assignments after each webinar will be awarded a joint [ITEN-TWB Certificate in Developing a Culture of Respect in the Classroom](#).

Webinar Series Overview

Evaluation/Certification

After webinars 1, 2, and 3 the participants will have an opportunity to test their grasp of the material and to reflect on it and on how it applies to their own classroom practice.

There will be also a final online test that the participants will have to complete after the third webinar.

The participants who successfully complete all program requirements will be awarded a joint ITEN-TWB ***Certificate in Developing a Culture of Respect in the Classroom***.

Online Community

OAS/ITEN and TWB will provide an online space where the participants will post their reflections and assignments and where they will be able to interact with one another and with the presenter before, during, and after the program.

Series Schedule

Basic Conflict Resolution Skills for Teacher and Students: Using the S.T.A.R. Strategy

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What: Participants in this session will learn how to teach the S.T.A.R. (Stop, Think, Act, Reflect) strategy to students in the classroom and school-wide, ages 5-14. Participants will learn how to use S.T.A.R. to reinforce positive behaviors, build resilience within students, and support healthy relationships.

Who: Christa M. Tinari

When: Thursday July 12th, 2012 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Take A Stand: Teaching Students How To "Stand Up" to Stop Bullying

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What: Participants will receive instruction in how to teach and reinforce ten "upstander" strategies to students, ages 5-18. Bystanders are present in the majority of student-student bullying situations. Often, bystanders who witness bullying feel unsafe themselves, and don't know how to stop the bullying and help the victim.

Who: Christa M. Tinari

When: Thursday July 26th, 2012 from 12:30 am to 1:30 pm

Classroom and School-wide Implementation on S.T.A.R. and "Upstander" Campaign

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What: Participants will spend more time on the strategies themselves, (What the strategies are, why they are important, how they can be used, how to systematically teach these strategies to students); and will discuss with the facilitator how to overcome barriers to implementation that so often compromise educators' success with innovation.

Who: Christa M. Tinari

When: Thursday August 9th, 2012 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

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